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Financing of the United Nations Office to the African Union

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fourth session the items entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011", "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations", "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur" and "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 35th and 37th meetings, on 27 May and 18 June 2010. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/64/SR.35 and 37).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Office to the African Union (A/64/762);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/64/792).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.58

4. At its 37th meeting, on 18 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Office to the African Union" (A/C.5/64/L.58), submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Cuba.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.58 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Office to the African Union

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 63/310 of 14 September 2009 on cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union,

Reaffirming the need to pursue and further strengthen the ongoing measures to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of United Nations and African Union cooperation,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Office to the African Union[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure its full implementation;

3. *Decides* to approve the amount of 10,172,500 United States dollars, comprising 8,875,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 under the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,296,600 dollars under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011;

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4. *Approves* 7,672,300 dollars for the United Nations Office to the African Union to be funded under the support account for peacekeeping operations, in addition to the amount proposed for the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;[3]

5. *Decides* to prorate the amount in paragraph 4 above among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;

6. *Also decides* to reduce by 3,903,100 dollars the amount proposed for the financing of support for the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;[4]

7. *Further decides* to reduce by 6,872,500 dollars the amount proposed for the budget for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;[5]

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[1] A/64/762.
[2] A/64/792.
[3] A/64/697.
[4] A/64/644.
[5] A/64/685.

8. *Approves* the establishment of two new posts (1 Assistant Secretary-General and 1 P-4) and the abolition of one post at the P-3 level (United Nations Liaison Office) under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011;

9. *Decides* to appropriate a total amount of 187,100 dollars under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination (156,700 dollars), and under section 35, Staff assessment (30,400 dollars), to be offset by a corresponding amount under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment; the provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

10. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-fifth session the financing arrangements for the United Nations Office to the African Union, under the agenda item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations", in the context of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.